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$$K(450)/K(550) < 1 \quad (2)$$

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$$1.01 < R(650)/R(550) < 1.4 \quad (4)$$

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wherein the retardation is smaller with a shorter

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(2) $R(450)/R(550)$ for the polymer based on

said first monomer unit is smaller than $R(450)/R(550)$ for the polymer based on said second monomer unit, and

(3) the film has positive refractive index anisotropy.

5 5. A retardation film according to claim 1, which comprises an oriented polymer film wherein

 (1) the film is composed of a polymer comprising a monomer unit that forms a polymer with positive refractive index anisotropy (hereunder referred to as "first monomer unit") and a monomer unit that forms a polymer with negative refractive index anisotropy (hereunder referred to as "second monomer unit"),

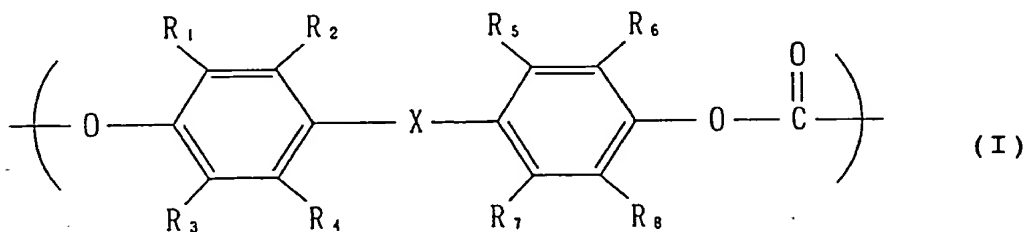
 (2) $R(450)/R(550)$ for the polymer based on said first monomer unit is larger than $R(450)/R(550)$ for the polymer based on said second monomer unit, and

 (3) the film has negative refractive index anisotropy.

6. A retardation film according to claim 1, wherein said oriented polymer film is made of a polymer material with a glass transition temperature of 120°C or higher.

7. A retardation film according to claim 1, wherein said oriented polymer film contains a polycarbonate with a fluorene skeleton.

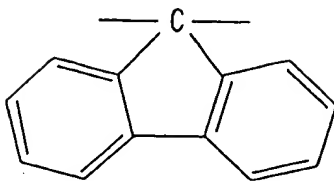
8. A retardation film according to claim 1, which is an oriented polymer film comprising copolymer and/or blend of polycarbonates in which 30-90 mole percent of the total consists of a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (I):



where R_1-R_8 are each independently selected from among hydrogen, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon groups of 1-6

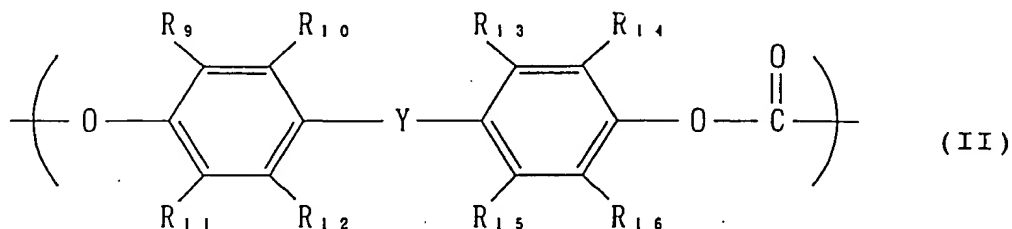
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carbon atoms, and X is



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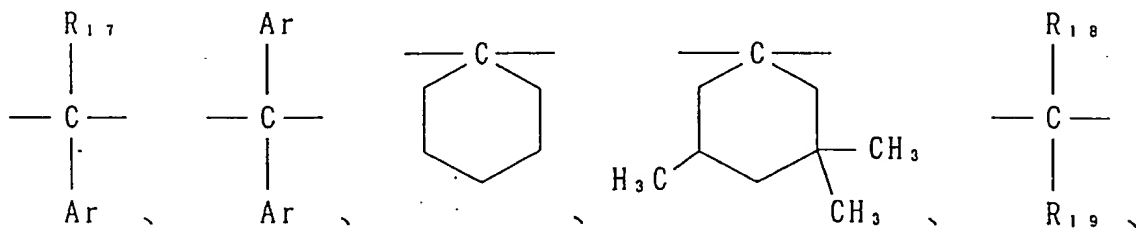
and 70-10 mole percent of the total consists of a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (II):



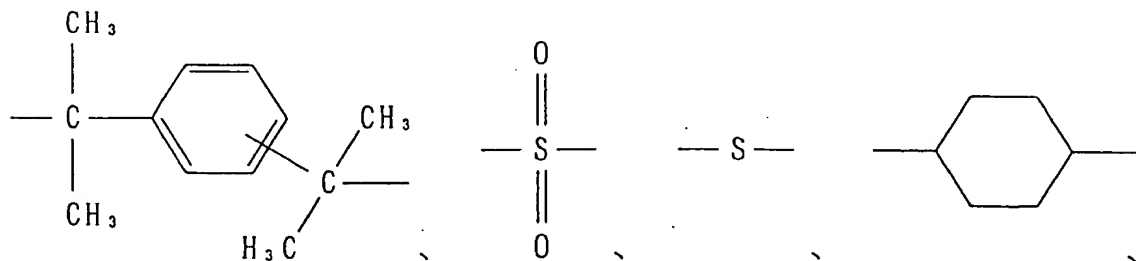
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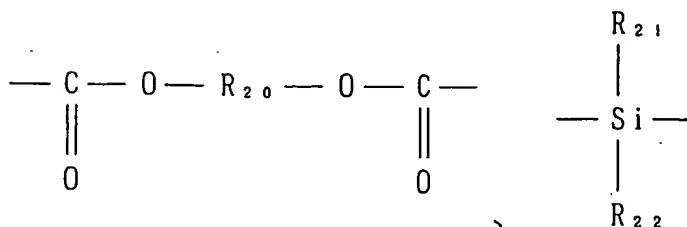
where R_9 - R_{16} are each independently selected from among hydrogen, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon groups of 1-22 carbon atoms, and Y is



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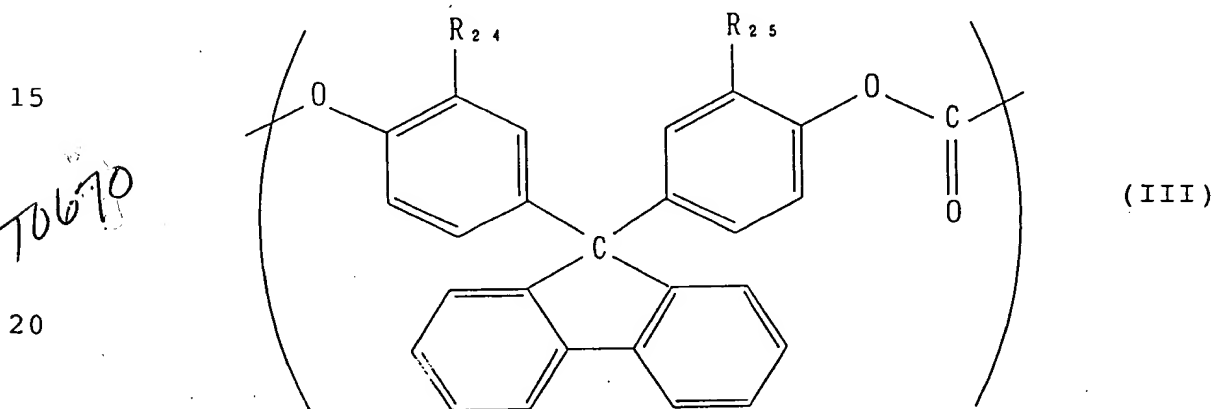
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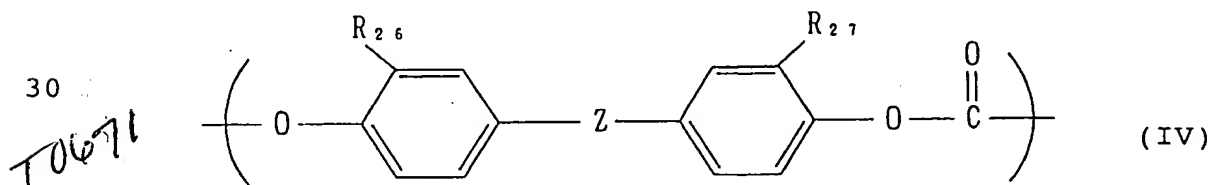
where in Y, R_{17} - R_{19} , R_{21} and R_{22} are each independently selected from among hydrogen, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon groups of 1-22 carbon atoms, R_{20} and R_{23} are selected from among hydrocarbon groups of 1-20 carbon atoms, and Ar is selected from among aryl groups of 6-10 carbon atoms.

9. A retardation film according to claim 8, which is an oriented polymer film comprising copolymer and/or blend of polycarbonates in which 35-85 mole percent of the total consists of a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (III):



where R_{24} and R_{25} are each independently selected from among hydrogen and methyl,

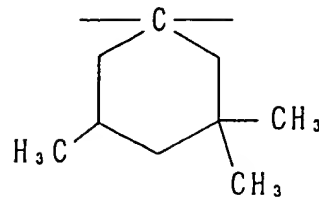
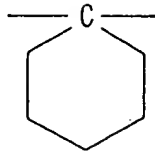
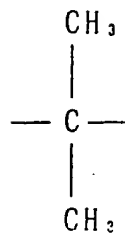
and 65-15 mole percent of the total consists of a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (IV):



where R_{26} and R_{27} are each independently selected from among hydrogen and methyl, and Z is selected from among

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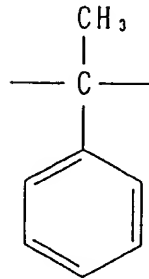
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10. A retardation film according to claim 5, which is a blended oriented polymer film in which said polymer with positive refractive index anisotropy is poly(2,6-dimethyl-1,4-phenyleneoxide) and said polymer with negative refractive index anisotropy is polystyrene, wherein the polystyrene content is from 67 wt% to 75 wt%.

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11. A retardation film according to claim 1, wherein the b^* value representing the object color is 1.3 or smaller.

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12. A retardation film according to claim 1, which is a $\lambda/4$ plate.

13. A retardation film according to claim 1, which is a $\lambda/2$ plate.

14. A retardation film according to claim 12 or 13, wherein $R(550) \geq 90$ nm.

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15. A laminated retardation film prepared by laminating a $\lambda/4$ plate and a $\lambda/2$ plate, wherein both the $\lambda/4$ plate and $\lambda/2$ plate are a retardation film according to claim 1.

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16. A laminated retardation film according to claim 15, wherein the angle formed between the optical axes of

the $\lambda/4$ plate and $\lambda/2$ plate is in the range of 50° - 70° .

17. A circular polarizing plate or elliptical polarizing plate prepared by laminating a polarizing plate with a retardation film according to claim 1.

5 18. A circular polarizing plate or elliptical polarizing plate prepared by laminating a reflective polarizing plate with a retardation film according to claim 1.

10 19. A circular polarizing plate or elliptical polarizing plate prepared by laminating a polarizing plate with a retardation film according to claim 1 and a reflective polarizing plate.

15 20. A circular polarizing plate or elliptical polarizing plate according to claim 18 or 19, wherein said reflective polarizing plate has a function of reflecting only circularly polarized light rotated in one direction.

20 21. A circular polarizing plate or elliptical polarizing plate according to claim 20, wherein said reflective polarizing plate is composed of a cholesteric liquid crystal polymer.

22. A liquid crystal display device provided with a retardation film according to claim 1.

25 23. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 22, which is a reflective liquid crystal display device.

24. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 22, wherein said retardation film is a viewing angle compensating plate.

30 25. A retardation film which is a retardation film comprised of a single polycarbonate oriented film, wherein the retardation at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm satisfies the following formula (1):

$$R(450)/R(550) < 1 \quad (1)$$

35 where $R(450)$ and $R(550)$ represent the in-plane retardation of the oriented polymer film at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm, respectively,

and R(550) is at least 50 nm.

26. A reflective liquid crystal display device provided with a polarizing plate, a $\lambda/4$ plate and a liquid crystal cell containing a liquid crystal layer between two substrates with transparent electrodes in that order, the reflective liquid crystal display device employing as the $\lambda/4$ plate a retardation film comprising a single oriented polycarbonate film, wherein the retardation at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm satisfies the following formula (1):

$$R(450) \times R(550) < 1 \quad (1)$$

where R(450) and R(550) represent the in-plane retardation of the oriented polymer film at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm, respectively, and R(550) is 100-180 nm.

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